STIPEND PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS

ELIGIBILITY:

- BE A GRADUATE OF A MEDICAL OR DENTAL SCHOOL.
- BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT, DESIGNATION, OR ASSIGNMENT AS A MEDICAL CORPS OR DENTAL CORPS OFFICER IN THE NAVY RESERVE. MEMBERS SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR STIPEND PAYMENTS BEFORE THEY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED, DESIGNATED, OR ASSIGNED AS A MEDICAL CORPS OR DENTAL CORPS OFFICER.
- IF ALREADY COMMISSIONED, HAVE BEEN PERFORMING SATISFACTORY SERVICE AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE NAVY.
- BE ENROLLED, OR HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ENROLLMENT, IN A RESIDENCY PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS IN A MEDICAL SPECIALTY OR DENTISTS IN A DENTAL SPECIALTY DESIGNATED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS AS A SPECIALTY CRITICALLY NEEDED BY THE NAVY RESERVE IN WARTIME.
- POSSESS A CURRENT VALID, AND/OR UNRESTRICTED LICENSE(S) TO PRACTICE MEDICINE OR
 DENTISTRY, AND SUCH ADDITIONAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES AS ARE REQUIRED TO
 PURSUE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN THE CRITICAL SPECIALTY FOR WHICH ASSISTANCE IS
 BEING PROVIDED.

OBLIGATION:

- INCUR A SELECTED RESERVE OBLIGATION OF 2 YEARS FOR EACH YEAR OR PARTIAL YEAR FOR WHICH STIPEND ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED.
- REPAYMENT OF THE OBLIGATION SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETING THEIR RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM, SHALL BE IN THE NAVY RESERVE AND IN THE MEDICAL/DENTAL CRITICAL SPECIALTY FOR WHICH STIPEND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IS APPROVED, UNLESS EXCUSED UNDER "CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT" CRITERIA.
- SERVE SATISFACTORILY IN THE SELECTED RESERVE AS PRESCRIBED BY NAVY RESERVE REGULATIONS AND THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE OBLIGATION.

ENTITLEMENT:

- A MEMBER SHALL RECEIVE THE STIPEND RATE IN EFFECT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ARMED FORCES HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
- THIS RATE IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS ON 1 JULY OF EACH YEAR AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.